GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2581
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2016
Financial Assistance to Olympians
Chinnayan Shri S.Selvakumara

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given any financial assistance to the Indian women gymnasts who have qualified for the ensuing Rio Olympic Games in the artistic gymnastics category and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government will consider to extend such assistance to all the Indian athletes who have qualified for the said olympics as encouragement and moral support to participate in the Games with full confidence and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a): Ms. Dipa Karmakar, Gymnast, has qualified for 2016 Rio Olympic Games. Apart from the assistance provided to her for coaching and participation in competition, financial assistance of Rs.70 Lakhs has been approved for equipment and for two competition exposure for preparation for Olympics, 2016.

(b): Yes Madam. Government has already decided to provide assistance for individualized/ tailor-made training and competition program of such athletes apart from the regular assistance being provided to them for their coaching and participation in international competitions
****